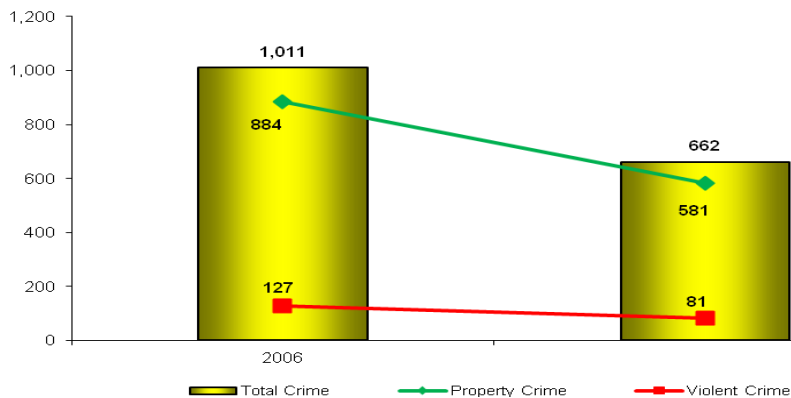


## Somerset County

### *Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland*

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Somerset County has seen a significant 34.5% reduction in total crime, a 36.2% reduction in violent crime, and a 34.3% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in aggravated assaults (-43.7%), breaking and entering (-39.6%), and larceny/thefts (-29.8%).

**Somerset County Crime Trends 2006 - 2011**



### **SOMERSET COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime the analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Somerset County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 8 grants in Somerset County totaling \$80,741. As a result, Somerset County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Sex Offender Monitoring** - The Somerset County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support/Training Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program benefits the citizens of Somerset County by allowing officers to better track and make contact with sex offenders.

### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Livescan Fingerprint and Mugshot System
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring

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#### SOMERSET COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

- **Livescan Fingerprint and Mugshot System** – The Princess Anne Police Department and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office were awarded a Livescan Fingerprint and Mugshot System which eliminates the need to ink and roll fingerprints during the booking process and automatically correlates photos to the fingerprints. This reduces time lapses between the time that the fingerprints are actually obtained and when they are placed into the state and federal databases. The system also expedites the identification of suspects who refuse to identify themselves. Livescan technology is a proven system that enhances law enforcement effectiveness and efficiency by using intelligence-led and evidence based program.
- **Gun Related Crime Reduction** – The Princess Anne Police Department received overtime money to combat gun related crime by identifying individuals carrying handguns, making arrests, and ensuring the prosecution of these cases. Officers perform supplemental patrols of neighborhoods with a high incidence of handgun violations and gun related crime. Officers follow up on all cases to assure gun traces are conducted and that prosecutions are made.



“Somerset County has a collaborative approach to crime. The county works with state and local officials on programs such as the Violence Prevention Initiative, which gets violent offenders off the street. These partnerships provide the foundation for safety and security in Somerset County.”

Governor Martin O'Malley